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1. HIGHLIGHTS. FRIDAY NYTIMES FRONTPAGED PHOTO OF ICBM LAUNCHING FROM PLANE; SATURDAY BALTSUN FRONTPAGED PHOTO OF HAIG INSTALLATION; SUNDAY PAPERS FRONTPAGED KISSINGER SEES SHAH; BALTSUN FRONTPAGED 1976 ARMS COSTS MAY LEAP. MONDAY PAPERS FRONTPAGE KISSINGER WILL TOUR MIDEAST; WASHPOST FRONTPAGES US FIRMS FIND DEALING WITH SOVIETS IS GOOD DEAL. LITTLE FRESH COMMENT.

1A. FRIDAY NYTIMES INSIDE HAD MOSCOW MAKES NEW VIENNA OFFER ON TROOPS; WASHPOST AND LATIMES HAD US SAYS RUSSIA NOT VIOLATING MISSILE PACT; FRIDAY PAPERS ALSO REPORTED NATO JOINT ANTI-SHIP MISSILE.

1B. SATURDAY WASHPOST HAD BONN STORY, MORE BITE FOR US FORCES IN EUROPE; ALSO 32 SENATORS SEEK STRONG ATOMIC PACT. SUNDAY WASHPOST HAD UPPSALA UPI REPORTING UNDERGROUND SOVIET BLAST IN NOVAYA ZEMLYA AREA. MONDAY BALTSUN HAD KREMLIN EXPRESSES SUMMIT OPTIMISM.

2. SALT. FRIDAY WASHPOST GETLER (ALSO LATIMES) REPORTED

PENTAGON THURSDAY DISPUTED REPORTS THAT SOVIET UNION WAS BUILDING NEW MISSILE SOLOS BEYOND THE LEVEL AGREED TO IN THE 1972 US-RUSSIAN STRATEGIC ARMS LIMITATION PACT, BEECHER SAYING THAT CONSTRUCTION WORK GOING ON AT SOME SOVIET MISSILE BASES WAS ASSOCIATED WITH BUILDING COMMAND AND CONTROL FACILITIES FOR THOSE MISSILES RATHER THAN NEW UNDERGROUND SILOS TO HOUSE ADDITIONAL WEAPONS, BEECHER ALSO REITERATING GEN. BROWN'S CATEGORIC STATEMENT WE HAVE NO INFORMATION THAT SOVIET UNION IS FAILING TO ABIDE BY SALT AGREEMENTS. GETLER SAID MATTER WAS ALSO DISCUSSED DIRECTLY WITH RUSSIANS AND SENIOR AMERICAN OFFICIALS ARE REASONABLY CONFIDENT NEW INSTALLATIONS ARE COMMAND POSTS AS RUSSIANS CLAIM.

3. TEST BAN. SATURDAY WASHPOST HAD LOCAL UPI REPORTING 32 SENATORS URGED PRESIDENT FORD TO PUT HIS PERSONAL STAMP ON US FOREIGN POLICY BY SEEKING A COMPREHENSIVE NUCLEAR TEST BAN TREATY WHEN HE CONFERS WITH SOVIET LEADERS LATER THIS MONTH. UPI SAYS PRESIDENT WAS ALSO UNCLASSIFIED

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ASKED TO SEEK A TOTAL PROHIBITION ON SO-CALLED PEACEFUL NUCLEAR EXPLOSIONS--OR AT LEAST SOME SORT OF INTERNATIONAL REGIME TO CONTROL THEM. UPI ADDS 37 SENATORS MADE SIMILAR PLEA TO NIXON BEFORE HIS SUMMIT SESSION IN MOSCOW.

4. TROOPS OFFER. FRIDAY NYTIMES HAD VIENNA SPECIAL SAYING SOVIET UNION HAD MODIFIED ITS PROPOSAL FOR REDUCTION OF MILITARY FORCES IN CENTRAL EUROPE, SUGGESTING TO

NEGOTIATORS THAT SOVIET AND AMERICAN TROOPS BE CUT FIRST. ACCORDING SPECIAL, FILANETS SAID KHLESTOV'S SPEECH CONTAINED PROPOSALS THAT COULD MAKE POSSIBLE REDUCTIONS BEGINNING IN 1975, BUT INITIAL REACTION FROM NATO ALLIES WAS COOL AND TIMES INSERTED SENTENCE SAYING IN WASHINGTON OFFICIALS SAID THE REVISED PROPOSAL DIDN'T REPRESENT A SIGNIFICANT MOVE TOWARD THE WESTERN POSITION. ACCORDING SPECIAL, WARSAW PACT SOURCES SAID REVISED SOVIET DRAFT MEETS THE WESTERN CONCERN BY AGREEING TO FIRST CUTS BY THE TWO BIG POWERS BUT, THE SOURCES ADDED, REVISED PLAN SPECIFIES THAT OTHER COUNTRIES REDUCE FORCES SOON THEREAFTER. SPECIAL SAYS MAIN EASTERN CONCERN IS THAT THE LARGE WEST GERMAN ARMY SHOULD BE SUBJECT TO PROMPT REDUCTIONS. FRIDAY WASHSTAR HAD BRIEF STORY.

5. U.S. FORCES. SATURDAY WASHPOST HAD STORY BY JOE ALEX MORRIS OF LATIMES FROM BONN REPORTING THAT US PLANS TO CUT BACK ON SUPPORT TROOP LEVELS WHILE INCREASING STRENGTH AND NUMBER OF COMBAT UNITS WILL BE A MAJOR TOPIC OF DISCUSSION DURING SCHLESINGER'S VISIT TO BONN. MORRIS NOTES THAT EFFORT TO KEEP TROOPS AT PRESENT LEVEL IS DICTATED BY

POLITICAL CONSIDERATIONS, CHIEFLY, THE DESIRE TO AVOID UNILATERAL CUTS DURING MBFR TALKS.

5A. SUNDAY BALTSUN HAD CORDDRY WASHINGTON REPORTING DOD CALCULATES THAT MILITARY APPROPRIATIONS MUST RISE AS MUCH AS 18 BILLION DOLLARS TO A TOTAL OF ABOUT 105 BILLION NEXT YEAR TO OFFSET INFLATION AND FORESTALL CUTS IN THE COMBAT FORMATIONS OF THE THREE SERVICES AND THAT WITH LARGE DEMOCRATIC GAINS EXPECTED IN CONGRESS, ADMINISTRATION MAY EXPECT EVEN GREATER RESISTANCE THIS YEAR. CORDDRY SAID SCHLESINGER WILL DEFEND MULTI-BILLION-DOLLAR B-1 BOMBER UNCLASSIFIED

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AND TRIDENT MISSILE-SUBMARINE PROGRAMS AS ESSENTIAL.

6. NATO. FRIDAY WASHPOST HAD AN UNSIGNED BRIEF FROM BRUSSELS REPORTING THAT US, FRANCE AND ELEVEN OTHER NATO COUNTRIES HAD AGREED TO JOINTLY DEVELOP A LONG-RANGE ANTI-SHIP MISSILE PRIMARILY FOR SURFACE-TO-SURFACE USE ACCORDING TO ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF NATO, GARDINER TUCKER.

7. SUMMIT. MONDAY BALTSUN PARKS MOSCOW REPORTS PRAVDA EXPRESSED CONSIDERABLE OPTIMISM ABOUT THE OUTCOME OF THE VLADIVOSTOK SUMMIT MEETING, AT WHICH THE SHORT WORKING SESSION WILL BE DEVOTED PRIMARILY TO DISCUSSIONS OF FURTHER LIMITATIONS ON STRATEGIC ARMS AND IT PROMISES TO BE A MAJOR STEP FORWARD IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF PEACEFUL INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION. PARKS SAYS SOVIET COMMENTATORS

HAVE EXPRESSED CONSIDERABLE SATISFACTION WITH RESULTS OF KISSINGER-BREZHNEV NEGOTIATIONS ON THE NEW PRINCIPLES FOR A COMPREHENSIVE AGREEMENT LIMITING STRATEGIC ARMS. PRAVDA SAID THAT IN SOVIET-AMERICAN RELATIONS THERE ARE QUITE A FEW COMPLICATED AND SO FAR UNRESOLVED PROBLEMS BUT PAST SUMMIT MEETINGS HAVE MADE IT CLEAR THAT, GIVEN GOODWILL, IT IS POSSIBLE TO FIND WAYS TO SETTLE SUCH PROBLEMS. ABOUT SUMMIT DETAILS ONE AMERICAN OFFICIAL SAID THAT ALL WE KNOW IS THAT IT WILL BE IN THE REGION OF VLADIVOSTOK, PARKS REPORTS, ADDING THAT SOME SOVIET SOURCES HAVE EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT KISSINGER'S EXTENSIVE TRAVEL PLANS BETWEEN NOW AND NOVEMBER 18 WHEN FORD DEPARTS FOR JAPAN WILL ALLOW LITTLE TIME FOR REFINING THE PRINCIPLES FOR THE NEXT AGREEMENT ON LIMITING STRATEGIC ARMS.

8. COMMENT. SATURDAY NYTIMES EDITORIAL ON BREZHNEV-KISSINGER SEMI-SUMMIT SAYS IT IS ENCOURAGING NEWS THAT NEGOTIATIONS FOR A NEW SALT ACCORD NOW SEEM LIKELY AND

THAT MR. FORD'S ABILITY TO DELIVER CONGRESSIONAL SUPPORT FOR THE TRADE CONCESSIONS HAS PROBABLY BEEN THE DECISIVE FACTOR IN OPENING THE WAY FOR RESUMPTION OF SALT NEGOTIATIONS. EDITORIAL NOTES US LEADS IN BOMBERS, MIRV

WARHEADS AND TECHNOLOGY, THE SOVIET UNION LEADS IN NUMBERS AND THROW-WEIGHT OF MISSILES, BUT OVER-ALL THE TWO SIDES UNCLASSIFIED

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ARE EFFECTIVELY EQUAL, AND ACHIEVING AN AGREED LIMIT FOR THE TOTALITY OF FORCE ON EACH SIDE MAY PROVE LESS DIFFICULT THAN PLACING EQUAL LIMITS ON ANY INDIVIDUAL ELEMENT. INGERSOLL

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